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APPLICANT: Yao Wang, et al. GROUP ART UNIT: 2164

U.S.S.N.: 10/608,757 CONFIRMATION NO.: 7174

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TITLE: MANAGEMENT FOR REPLICATION OF DATA STORED IN A DATA

STORAGE ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FAILOVER PROTECTION OF SOFTWARE AGENTS OPERATING IN THE

ENVIRONMENT

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 14, 2008. As the two month date to respond to this Office Action fell on a Sunday, this response is believed filed within the 2 month period given to respond to a final Office Action. No other fees are believed due; however, any fees required for consideration of this paper (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged in the Transmittal Form filed herewith.

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Please amend the subject application, as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.